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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 is canceled. Claims 2-4 are canceled, and new claims 11-13 are added. Claim 8 is canceled, and new claims 14 and 15 are added. Accordingly, claims 5-7, and 9-15 are pending.

The Office Action states that claims 2-4 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

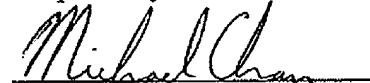
Claim 2-4 are canceled, and new claims 11-13 are added. It is believed that each of new claims 11-13 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 8 is canceled, and new claims 14 and 15 are added. The subject matter of new claim 14 is based upon claim language from claims 2 and 3. The subject matter of new claim 15 depends from claim 14 and is based upon claim language from claim 4. It is believed that each of claims 14 and 15 is in condition for allowance.

Allowance of claims 5-7, 9, and 10 is hereby acknowledged.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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